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Specifically, the Examiner refers to tab 520 for teaching the claimed “electrode tabs,” to protection circuit box 400 for teaching the claimed “protection circuit board” and to resin 300 for teaching the claimed “sealing surface.” (See Final Office Action, pages 3-4).

First, Applicants note that Jeong teaches that a protection circuit box 400 is installed in the space on the outer side of lower part 122. However, there is no teaching or suggestion in Jeong that protection circuit box 400 has electrode terminals, wherein “the electrode terminals of the protection circuit board contact the electrode tabs,” as recited in Claim 1 as amended herein.

Second, Applicants submit that Jeong fails to teach or suggest electrode terminals that are “bent in a direction that is *vertical* with respect to the sealing surface of the case,” as further recited in Claim 1 as amended herein. For the reasons previously set forth in Applicants’ response of August 21, 2010, Applicants continue to disagree that resin 300 teaches the claimed “sealing surface.” For example, Applicants maintain that resin 300 fails to disclose a sealing surface that is formed by a case having a space to accommodate the battery unit, such that the case comprises “upper and lower case bodies that are joined together at a sealing surface disposed along the periphery of the space,” as recited in Claim 1. Likewise, Applicants maintain that Jeong fails to disclose electrode tabs that extend “through the sealing surface of the case,” as recited in Claim 1.

However, assuming *arguendo*, that the resin 300 teaches the claimed “sealing space,” Applicants further submit that Jeong fails to further teach or suggest electrode tabs that are “bent in a direction that is *vertical* with respect to the sealing surface of the case.” For example, the Examiner refers to the “portion of the tabs extending outside of the sealing portion 300 are only bent once.” (Final Office Action, page 2). However, as shown in FIG. 4 above, the portion of tab 520 that extends outside of the sealing portion 300 are bent once such that the exposed portion of tab 520 lies in a direction that is *horizontal* with respect to resin 300. Thus, Applicants submit that Jeong fails to teach or suggest at least this additional feature.

For at least the forgoing, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection to independent Claim 1.

Claims 2 and 19 recite all the limitations recited in Claim 1 in addition to reciting further distinguishing features. For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection to Claims 2 and 19.

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Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1, 2, 8 and 19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Applicants' Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter "AAPA"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

As noted above, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment after Final Office Action that Applicants have made in the response dated July 27, 2010, and maintain that independent Claim 1 as amended is not obvious in view of AAPA, for all the reasons previously presented in the response of July 27, 2010.

In addition, Applicants submit that AAPA fails to teach or suggest the feature of "the electrode terminals of the protection circuit board contact the electrode tabs bent in a direction vertical with respect to the sealing surface of the case," as additionally recited in Claim 1 as amended herein, in combination with the other features recited in Claim 1.

For at least the forgoing, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection to independent Claim 1.

Claims 2, 8 and 19 recite all the limitations recited in Claim 1 in addition to reciting further distinguishing features. For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection to Claims 2, 8 and 19.

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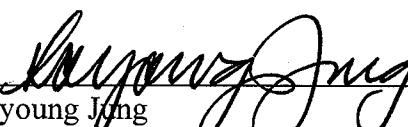
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Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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